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GOVERNOR ISSUES STATEMENTS ON DEATHS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL



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Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Crescent City Soldier: Capt. Bruno G. Desolenni

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Capt. Bruno G. Desolenni of Crescent City, CA:

"Captain Bruno Desolenni is a shining example of the determination and courage that makes our nation strong. He was a brave American and his commitment to defending democracy and freedom will never be forgotten. Maria and I join all Californians in sending our deepest condolences to Bruno's family and friends as they mourn this tremendous loss."

Desolenni, 32, died Sept. 20, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the Joint Forces Headquarters, Element Training Team, Oregon Army National Guard.

In honor of Capt. Desolenni, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



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Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twenty-nine Palms Marine

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Jerome C. Bell Jr., of Auburn, NY:

"Sergeant Jerome Bell was a valiant Marine and true patriot who dedicated his life to serving his country. The bravery and courage he showed while defending our nation's values in battle will never be forgotten. Maria and I extend our thoughts and prayers to Jerome's family and friends during this difficult time."

Bell, 29, died Sept. 19, in Farah province, Afghanistan, while supporting combat operations. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twenty-nine Palms, CA.

In honor of Sgt. Bell, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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